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VIEWS OF ROOSEVELT ON WOMAN SUFFRAGE A GREENSBORO

Not An Enthusiastic Advocate of it

IT WOULD NOT IMPROVE GOVERNMENT CONDITIONS

The Great Field For Woman is Motherhood

President Roosevelt as Secretary Root. Were Disclosed at Meeting of National League for Civic Education of

New York, Dec. 4 .- New York was a storm-center today of argument for

and against woman suffrage, and in the very vortex of the whirling winds there remained suspended, as it were, a letter on the subject from the President of the United States. The storm-center in the meeting of

the National League for the Civic Education of Women in the Berkley Theatre, where the subject of "Universal Suffrage for Women" was considered. The organization is opposed to woman's suffrage. Dr. Lyman Abbott was the principal speaker and it was he that presented a letter from President Roosevelt. The letter was interpreted in various ways by the auditors and Dr. Abbott was often interrupted by applause and by shouts of disapproval. The shouts of the suffragist leaders became so troublesome that policemen were asked to seek out the offenders. They were threatened with ejectment and finally the disturbance was quieted.

At the conclusion of the lecture, however, the suffragists withdrew to the sidewalks, where an indignation meeting was held. Mrs. Borman Wells, who said the had just come from England after spending three weeks in Holloway jail for trying to break into the House of Commons, was one of

the leaders of the outside meeting. Tonight at Carnegie Hall the woman suffragists had their turn in a meeting under the auspices of the Interurban Suffrage Council, Mrs. Philip movement in England; Mrs. Clarence Mackay and Dr. Charles F. Aked of the Fifth Avenue Baptist Church, spoke.

Abbott Reads Letters.

New York, Dec. 4 .- The attitude of President Roosevelt and of Secretary of State Elihu Root on the subject of woman suffrage, was disclosed today at a meeting under the auspices of the National League for the Civic Educa-

tion of Women. The Rev. Dr. Lyman Abbott, editor of The Outlook, in the course of an ad-dress in opposition to granting the rights to vote to women, read a letter from President Roosevelt which he said he read with the President's peralthough it was not "written for publication, nor for this occasion.

Abbott who was the principal speaker at the meeting, argued against what he held would be the infliction of an unnatural responsibility and duty on women by forcing on them the ob-ligations of public life. The title of his address was "The Assault on Wo-Secretary of State Root, in a letter

which was read at the meeting, says:
"I do not myself consider that the granting of suffrage to women would, under the existing conditions, be any mprovement in our system of government. On the contrary, I think it would rather reduce than increase the electoral efficiency of our people. I am inclined to think, however, that if women of the United States or any wery large majority of them, should really come to want the right of suffrage for themselves, they would ulti-mately get it. For the purpose of ex-ercising the right of suffrage if they uld ever get it, and for the purpose of determining intelligently whether they really want it, the women of the country generally ought to have and to seize the opportunity for a greater degree of education in questions government and in the practical of government than they have had up

of government to this time."
Richard Watson Gilder, editor of The Century Magazine, presided at the meeting and in the course of his advantage of the course of the decided the meeting and in the course of the decided the decided the course of the decided t

"Within a few days the country has been shocked by the appalling official figures of divorce in the United States. In the face of this lamentable showing as to an increasing weakness in the sentiment of home and the family are the foundations of the best things that humanity has yet achieved; and to lift up their voices against what in their solemn belief is a new, insidious and ossibly disastrous attack on the fun-

damentals of civilization."
Roosevelt's Views. President Roosevelt's views were as

"Personally I believe in woman's suffrage," says Mr. Roosevelt at the outset of the letter, which is dated Noember 10, 1908, "but I am not an enthusiastic advocate of it, because I do not regard it as a very important mat I am upable to see that there has been any special improvement in the position of women in those States in West that have adopted woman suffrage, as compared with those States adjoining them that have not adopted

"I do not think that giving the wo men suffrage will produce any marked improvement in the condition of wo-men. I do not believe that it will produce any of the evils feared, and I am very certain that when women as a whole take any special interest in the matter, they will have the suffrage if they desire it. But at present I think most of them are lukewarm; I find some actively for it, and some actively against it. I am, for the reasons above given, rather what you would regard as lukewarm or tepld in my support of it because, while I believe in it do not regard it as of very much im-I believe that man and woan should stand on an equality of able to go

GETS A PRÔMISE FOR NEW CO STATEHOOD.

Snowfall Covers The Golf | And President-elect Will For New York Sundary Night.

Hot Springs, Va. Dec. 4—Governor George Currey of New Mexico laid the claim of that territory for statehood before President-elect Taft today and received the assurances that Mr. Taft is heartly in favor of the proposition Governor Currey told Mr. Taft that President Roosevelt was to make a strong recommendation for the passtrong recommendation for the pas-sage of statehood bills for both New Mexico and Arizona at the coming short session of Congress. Mr. Taft was asked to use his influence for the success of this program. This Mr. Taft said he would do everything posconsistent with his present un-

official status.

The President-elect today accepted an invitation to attend a dinner to be given by the promoters of the Citizens Taft Club of Cincinnati on February 1

An afternoon of snowfall effectually put an end to future golf playing here for Judge Taft who will take his final departure Sunday night when he goes to New York.

right, but I do not believe that equali-ty of right means identity of function; and I am more and more convinced that the great field, the indispensible field, for the usefulness of woman is as the mother of the family. It is her work in the household, in the home, her work in bearing and rearing the children, which is more important than any man's work, and it is that work which should be normally the woman's special work just as normally the man's work should be that of the breadwinner, the supporter of the breadwinner, the supporter of the home, and if necessary the soldier who

will fight for the home.
"There are exceptions as regards both man and woman; but the full and perfect life, the life of highest happiness and of highest usefulness to the State, is the life of the man and woman who are husband and wife, who live in the partnership of love and duty, the one earning enough to keep the home, the other managing the home and the children. "Sincerely yours,
"Theodore Roosevelt."

SPEAKS FOR SUFFRAGE.

Appeal by Mrs. Snowden and Dr. New York, Dec. 4.—An audience of women filling Carnegie Hall to the topmost gallery paid enthusiastic tribute to Mrs. Philip Snowden, wife of a member of the British Parliament

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REPORTS REBELLION

Made.

a revolution has begun in Salvador un-der the leadreship of former Vice der the leadreship of former Vice President Prudencio Alfaro and that the cities of Ahuachpan, Ustulan and Santan have been captured by the revolutionists.

A despatch from San Salvador dated December 1 said that a plot to over-throw the government of President Figueroa had been frustrated and martial law proclaimed. The revolution-

Imprisoned.

Former Vice President Alfaro was said to be the leader of the revolution piece of iron used in the murder and although he was absent from the coun-also a coin and a pistol belonging to try, but the large number of adher: ants of General Barahona, the late candidate for the Presidency, who amounting to \$2 which was taken from were implicated in the plot tended. throughout the country.

Denial From San Salvador.

the semblance of success. The rebel-lion was immediately and completely put down. The country generally is stat quiet. Business has not been interrupted and the gathering of coffee is

FIRE THREATENS HOSPITAL. Early Morning Alarms, in New York

City. New York, Dec., 5-A serious fire which necessitated two alarms and called out three fire boats in East River, broke out early this morning 31st street, First Avenue and East

The blaze gained great headway and threatened the new wing of Bellevue Hospital. The police were forced to rout out hundreds of Italian families

F. J. Baldwin Dies. City of Mexico Dec. 4—F. J. Bald-win, originally from Vermont, and General Superintendent of the Nation-al Lines of Mexico since 1903, died at his home in this city today after an ill ness of two weeks of Bright's disease. He was one of the best known railroad men in Mexico.

HEAD OF NEGRO FLATTENS BULLET FIRED ON TRAIN

Council Bluffs, Iowa, Dec., 4-J. C Jones, of Omaha, a negro en route home from Kinsman, Ohio, on Rock Island train No. 1 tonight drew a about fifteen miles east of this city placed the weapon to the side of his head and pulled the trigger.

The builet glanced from the skull. passed beneath the scalp to the back of Jones' head, emerged and struck the negro porter. Joe Lee, at the opposite end of the car, in the back of the head

and was completely flattened. Lee was slightly stunned. Jones was brought to the city in an unconscious condition, but recovered consciousness while being taken to unconscious condition, but recovered of town. The fire started late last consciousness while being taken to night in a building occupied by a moving picture show. The total loss is able to go homo tomorrow eatimated at \$100,000.

INDIGNATION

of Drake.

Off Easily.

Imprisonment And Judge Miller Orders Guards Around The

Greensboro, Dec., 4-(Special)-There is considerable excitement in against Shed Williams, a negro, who was shown to be the real slayer of R. W. Drake, former sheriff of Hale County, at his home at Laneville,

So general was the dissatisfaction over the verdict that Judge Miller, presiding over the Circuit Court, ordered Sheriff Gewin to carefully guard the jail against violence and tonight streets in vicinity of the jail are patrolled by deputies. It is not believed that there will be any violence although feeling, against the verdict is high.

All of today was consumed in bear ing the case of Williams, whom the state elected to try first. The case went to the jury about 6:30 o'clock this evening and the twelve men remained in the jury room about three hours. Nothing short of the death penalty was expected and when the jury returned, finding the negro guilty and fixing his punishment at life imprisonment the surprise of the people on turned to indignation.

Charles Taylor, the negro who essed to his part in the crime was the chief witness against Williams. fatal blow. Taylor implicated four other negroes now under indictment including himself

The court met tour, at 10 o'clock for the trial of the Drake murder case. Shed Williams was called first. The attorney for the defendant moved SAN SALVADOR IS SAID TO BE IN REVOLUTION.

News Br Way of Micaragua Says the Government Is About to Be Overthrown—Direct Denial In

A jury was selected an dithe court adjourned for dinner. The court conven-ed at 1:20 o'clock and the examina-Managua, Dec. 4—It is reported that revolution has begun in Salvador uner the leadreship of former Vice lor, an accomplice, who is indicted.

told about the murder, saying that Shed Williams was the real murderer and that he was one of three accomplices. He held the light while Shed Williams and Ed Howard entered Mr. Drake's room, Joe McDaniels keeping watch while standing in the horse trough out-

Turner Cash, a witness was next called and testified that he saw Mr. tisl law proclaimed. The revolutionary movement, the despatch added, had
its origin in the department of Sonconate, in the southwestern part of
Salvador and many persons well
known in political circles who were
opposed to the government, had been
imprisoned.

called and testified that he saw Mr.
Drake's house on fire and found Mr.
Drake in a burning bed, and went
for help to put out the fire.

F. R. Chambers identified a piece
of iron piping as being the one found
on the premises the following mornimprisoned.

candidate for the Presidency, who were implicated in the plot tended to show that the movement was in his He described the condition of Mr. Acording to the San Salvador Drake when found by him as having the tranquility then prevailed hout the country.

Drake when found by him as having all of his clothing burned and the bed almost entirely burned, with two bruises back of his ear caused by a blow.

Etta Ward, a negro, called as a San Salvador, Dec. 4—In no single Etta Ward, a negro, called as a instance have the revolutionists had witness, testified to hearing the plot when it was being made, and in sub-stance corroborated Charles Taylor's statement about the plans for the mur-

The State closed tonight and the case has been given to the jury.
Immediately the case of the State
vs. Joe McDaniels was taken up and vs. Joe McDaniess the jury was drawn.

FATHER IS ARRESTED.

Charged With Poisoning His Two Lit-

Marked Tree, Ark., Dec. 4.—Following the mysterious deaths of his two daughters by poisoning, William Mc-Broom, a mill worker, was arrested here today charged with murder. Pending the coroner's investigation he was taken to Jonesboro for safe

mcBroom's daughters, Ola Leona, six years old, and Elizabeth, eight years, died in great agony soon after their father reached home last night.

SOLD QUAIL, FINED.

South Carolina Hotel Men Violated the

Charleston, S. C., Dec. 4.—Proprietors of two hotels and one restaurant today pleaded guilty to violating the State game law, in selling quail, and were fined.

The cases were brought by the Secretary of the State Audubon Society fined.

as a part of an active campaign for the protection of birds.

Sent to Fort Seriven. Washington, Dec. 4.—Col. George L. Anderson, coast artillery corps, acting inspector general, has been or-dered to assume command of the ar-tillery post and the artillery district of Savannah, with headquarters at Fort Scriven, Ga. He will go to Fort Scriven immediately upon being re-lieved from duty in the Department of

Many Families Homeless. Centralia. Pa., Dec. 4.—Sixty-five families ar: homeless in this city as the result of a fire which wiped out three squares of property in the heart

RIVER CLAIMS MORE OF TOLL

CURREY SEES TAFF Light Penalty for Slayer Seven Dwelling Houses No Disorders of Any and Store Destroyed.

VERDICT A GREAT SURPRISE SITUATION AT PINE BLUFF POLICE FORCE REORGANIZED

Principal in Murder Plot Gets River Rising and Gradually Under- New Leader to Make Grand Entry mining Another Dyke.

Jury Fixes His Punishment At Life Should the Anticipated Occur the Extreme Eastern Section of the City Will Be Greatly

Endangered.

Pine Bluff. Ark., Dec. 4.—Seven frame dwelling houses and a two story business building was the toil claimed today by the encroaching waters of the swollen Arkansas river. eating their way across Barraque atreet, near Georgia street, two blocks east of the county court house, the former danger scene, which was relieved when the current was deflected.

lieved when the current was deflected, through the dynamiting of the bank of the river opposite Pine Bluff, and thrown against the government dyke at this point which was swept away last night.

Tonight the river is continuing to slowly rise and the water is gradually undermining another dyke, further east, which will probably crumble before tomorrow. Should the anticipated occur, the extreme eastern section ed occur, the extreme eastern section of the city, which has but recently been rebuilt, following the destructive fire of two years ago, will be en-

RAILWAY IS

CHESAPEARE AND ONIO PLEADS GUILTY TO REBATING.

Penalty is the Payment of \$0,000 and Johnson and Company Will Pay \$4,000—Lawyers Make a Statement.

Richmond, Va., Dec. 4—By agreement of counsel, the Chesapeake and Ohio Ratiroad and W. R. Johnson and Company, pleaded guilty to rebating before Judge Waddill late today and were fined \$9,000 and Johnson and Company \$4,500.

The railway was fined \$1,000 cad nine counts, and Johnson was fined \$1,-500 on the first and \$1,000 each on three

other counts in the indictments were noise gressed on motion of Judge L. L. newis: United States District Attorney, and John H. Marbie, counsel for the Interstate Commerce Commission. Counsel stated to the court that their principals knew nothing of the viola-tion, as alleged, but that the law was so broad they thought conviction was certain on the indiscretion of their agents and H. O. Gates, and therefore adopted

this course. This action followed the verdict of the jury in the same court yesterday, finding A. P. Gilbert, assistant general freight agent, not guilty. Gilbert had been on trial for ten days.

H. O. Gates, clerk for Johnson and Company, grain dealers, secured im-munity from prosecution by turning State's evidence.

SELECT CLARK "CHAMP" WILL BE NAMED AS MINORITY LEADER.

This is All the Business That Will Be Done by the Democratic Caucus Tonight.

Washington, Dec. 4.—(Special.)-Representative Clayton, chairman the House Democratic caucus, who has arrived, says the caucus called for tomorrow night will de nothing outiomorrow night will de nothing outside of electing Champ Clark of Missouri as minority feader in place of
John Sharp Williams of Mississippi,
who voluntadly retires, inasmuch as
he has been elected Senator from his
State.

State.

His term does not commence until 1911; and he will not be in Congress at all for two years from March 4, not having been a candidate this year for another term in the House.

Mr. Clark is so popular among his fellow Democrats there has not been the slightest opposition to his selec-

Representative Richardson is quartered at the Hotel Normandi session, which is also the abiding place of Senator and Mrs. Johnston. Sena-tor Johnston will not reach Washington unil Sunday morning.

Senator Bankhead is here and Representative Taylor, who has a house on Capitol Hill, has also arrived.

CASE GOES TO JURY WILLIAM MITCHELL'S FATE HANGS

Alfred J. Stofer.

IN BALANCE. Throughout the Day, the Court Room

Was Packed By Men and Women and Hundreds Were Turned Away.

Thomasville, Ga., Dec. 4 .- After nine Thomasville, Ga., Dec. 4.—After nine hours of argument by counsel for the prosecution and defense, and a brief charge by the judge, the case of William H. Mitchell, charged with kidnapping Miss Linton, was given to the jury at 6 o'clock p. m.

The charge in the indictment is attempted original assault and in charge.

The charge in the indictment is attempted criminal assault, and in charging the jury, the court defined the law on this subject. Special reference in the charge was made to the insanity pies, which was injected into the case by a lengthy hypothetical question read by medical experts on the stand by counsel for Mitchell.

Throughout the day the court room was packed by men and women and hundreds were turned away. A number of persons remained in the court room after the jury retired and many others returned after going home for

others returned after going home for supper and patiently awaited the ver-At 10:30 tonight the jury was locked up for the night and there is no possibility now of a verdict being reported before 8:30 o'clock tomorrow

THE WEATHER. Washington, Dec. 4.—For Alabama: Fair Saturday and Sunday; light va-

norning.

AWAITS SIMON

Kind Occurred.

Into City Today.

Disputches Received at the State Department Point Out That There

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non, with his army, is at the gates of Port au Prince awaiting the morrow to enter the city triumphantly at the head of its 6,000 men.

Had it not been that today was Friday, a day that to superstitious Haytiens is one of ill-omen, the fifteen miles separating them from the capital would have proved no obstacle, and tenight the victorious revolutionists

would have been in the city. The delegation sent out from Port u Prince yesterday met General Simon today at Carrefour, where he was odged at the villa Monrepas, a fine house built by ex-President Hippolyte The general assured the delegates that his men were well disciplined and would make a peaceful entry into Port au Prince.

Among the lower class, General Simon is very popular. The better class are more reserved in their opinion and would have preferred a man more refined, for the Presidency. They are resigned, however, to accepting General Simon.

General LeConte, former Minister of the Interior, will embark at St. Thomas, D. W. I., on a French mail steam er tomorrow and proceed to Cape Hay-General Firmin is on board the

steamer Virginia bound from St.

Thomas for Port au Prince by way of Kingston. No news has been received here concerning the movements of General Fouchard. General Jules Colcou, military chief of Port au Prince, today took refuge in a seminary. Threatening groups

stood in front of the building for awhile but soon dispersed. The city of Port au Prince is tranquil and from the country districts there have come no reports of disorder.

Port au Prince, Dec. 4.—The night passed quietly in Port au Prince. There were no disorders of any kind and hopes are entertained that normal conditions will be rapidly re-

The committee of public safety has re-organized the municipal police force. New police stations have been established and there is good reason to believe that henceforth order will be maintained throughout the city. The various political parties that have in the past attempted to install their presidents through revolutionary movements, are today perfecting their organizations, which have become more or less inoperative. General Sam is here and the arrival of General Firmin and General Fouchard is expected any day. The presence of these leaders in the capital may bring about complications. There are fears that the northern part of the republic may be arrayed against the southern sec-tion, should the question of who is to be the next president come to an open contest. There is a strong element in favor of the candidacy of Cincinm lavor of the candidacy of Cincinnatus Leconte, who was at one time
minister of foreign affairs. General
Simon, however, has the distinct advantage of being at the head of a well
organized and equipped force, and he
would seem to be master of the sitution. It has been decided that Nord
Alexis is to go to Mingaton Leville. Alexis is to go to Kingston, Jamaica. the former president and the men who took refuge on board the French cruiser Duguay Truoni with him will be transferred tomorrow to the German steamer Siberia. This vessel is due in port tomorrow. The government garrison at Millonard, who were informed of the flight of Nord Alexis, made off to the north. They consented to surrender on taking their rifles

Political Refugees Enroute. St. Thomas, B. W. I. Dec. 4—Over one hundred political Haytien refugees, in-cluding General Antenor Firmin, who headed one revolt in 1982 and another in January of this year, have left he during the last few days for Hayti

Washington, Dec. 4.—Dispatches re-ceived by the State Department from Minister Furness today point out that there is no government in Hayti at this time, and in fact, no "president legitime." Legitime, Mr. Furness exlegitime." Legitime, Mr. Furness ex-plains, is merely chairman of the com-

mittee of public safety. arrange for a special session of congress and the details of a government will then be worked out. The regular meeting of congress is to place next May.

Instructions to Furniss.

Washington, Dec. 4.—Cablegrams have passed between the State Department and American Minister Furniss at Port au Prince, which will govern his attitude during the transitory period through which affairs in Hayti are now passing.

For obvious reasons the Department officials decline to discuss their instructions. Mr. Furniss is the dean of the diplomatic corps there and American interests in Hayti politically are greater than the interests of any other country, his views and sucany other country, his views and sugany other country, his views and suggestions are expected to have considerable weight in determining the future policy of the Haytien Government. Many interesting questions will develop and Mr. Furniss' advice and assistance will be at the disposal of the new administration. A careful the new administration. A careful and cautious policy that will respect to the full foreign interests and reduce to a minimum cause for com- ty years.

PORT AUPRINCE A DEMONSTRATION AGAINST VENEZUELA

CASTRO

OR HAS HE DESERTED VENEZUELA FOREVER.

Surgeons Have Not Been Notified That Castro Desires Any Of Their Services In Performing
An Operation.

Berlin, Dec., 4-Dr. Israel said to-day that he had received no notice that President Castre of Venezuela desired his services for an operation: All that the doctor knows about the President and his intentions he has learned through the newspapers. It is thought here that Fresident Castro will leave the steamer Guadeloupe at Santander, Spain, Instead of continu-ing on to Bordeaux.

Dr. Rousses Not Notified. Bordeaux, Dec., 4—Dr. Roussen, the proprietor of the only sanitarium here where an operation on President Castro is possible, is a personal friend of Dr. Israel of Berlin and a specialist in kidney diseases. Up to the present he has not been notified that Dr. Israel purposes to operate on President Castro.

Quit Venezuela Forever. Paris, Dec., 4—Some of the news-apers, here express the beilef that President Castro has deserted Veneela forever. They say that for years he has been sending money to England and France, where they estimate he has \$60,000,000 deposited.

plaints will conduce much. It is said and render unnecessary any interfer-ence by the American Government. For the present the American war vessels at Port au Prince will be kept there so that foreign interests will be protected in case of need.

Leconte to Visit Cape Haytlen, Cape Haytlen, Dec. 4.—General Cin-cinnatus Leconte, Minister of the Interior in the late Cabinet of President Nord Alexis, and who now is an aspirant to the Presidency of the Republic will arrive here Sunday. Partisans are preparing a demonstration in his

General Leconte will be permitted to land, but every effort will be made to repress any demonstration, that threatens the peace of the city. The regular forces will be reinforced by disciplined troops from the interior. Bank Closes Doors. Tonopah, Nev., Dec. 4.—The Round Mountain Banking corporation of Round Mountain, Nev., has closed its doors. Bad loans are given as the cause. The bank is capitalized at

DAWE ON THE SCENE

\$25,000. The extent of its liabilities

is unknown.

TALKS OF SOUTHERN COMMERCIAL CONGRESS.

Display of Maps and Diagrams Will Cover Several Hundreds of Square Feet-Roosevelt Will Speak. Washington, Dec. 4 .- G. Grosvenor

Dawe of Montgomery, Ala., chairman of the Committee of Arrangements of the Southern Commercial Congress, which which commercial Congress, which meets here Dec. 7 and 8, arrived in Washington today.

"This Congress, to interpret the resources of the South, is shaping up finely," said Mr. Dawe. "The display of maps and diagrams of special South ern features will cover many hun-dreds of square feet. Indications by

telegraph are that the attendance from Southern States will run over 2,000. "The Congress merges with the National Rivers and Harbors Congress or the 9th. President Roosevelt and President-elect Taft will address the members of the Congress at the con-servation mass meeting Tuesday af-

ternoon. SPEAKS TO NEGROES.

Conference of Y. M. C. A. Hears of Columbus, Ga., Dec., 4—The feature of the second day's session of the In-ternational Conference of negro Y, M. C. A. in session here was an illustrated address on "The White Plague." by E. G. Rantsahu. The importance of the organization of an anti-tuber-

culosis league among negroes was A number of negroes delivered ad dresses and seevral white Y. M. C. Dr. J. M. Ashby Jones, pastor of the First Bantist Church of Columbus, of the relationship of the races.

LIMITS TURPENTINE CROP. Texas And Louisiana Operators Take

Beaumont, Texas, Dec., 4-At a meeting of the Texas and Louisiana naval stores operators held here to-night it was decided to limit the production of turpentine to 500 crops, 10.

000 cups to each crop for the coming The reason assigned for this action is the steady decrease in prices during the past year. This production is to be divided equally between Louisiana and Texas.

NEGROES LEAVING.

Exodus of Blacks From North Alabams For Mississippi.
Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 4—A Florence dispatch says there is an exodus of negroes from the farms in that section to Mississippi. It is feared the movement will assume alarming propor-

The reason for the migration is be-

lieved to be the night rider notices re-cently posted in the "reserve" country. HISTORIC MALVERN HILL HOUSE IS DESTROYED

Richmond, Va., Dec. 4-Malvern Hill the historic Colonial residence in Charles City County. Va., seventeen niles below Richmond, on the James River, belonging to William H. of New York, was completely de-stroyed by fire this morning. Mr. Hall was entertaining a party of friends from New York who were out shooting at the time, leaving Mr. Hall alone when the fire was discovered. Malvern Hill house was built by Governor Randolph, 270 years ago. It was ocupied at one time duri revolutionary War by General ette and the farm was the scene of the battle of Malvern Hill, the last of the seven days fight during the war. Mr. Hill had owned the place about twen-

SICK? Holland Completes Preparations for Blockade

VESSELS PLY ALONG COAST SHORT DISTANCE FROM SHORE

Demonstration Made from Puerto Cabelle to La Guaira.

Two of the Cruisers Are Going to Maraicaibe Where They Will Make

a Similar Demonstration

State Department Not Notified.

Willemstad, Dec. 4-Having been unable to obtain amicable settlement of outstanding differences with Venezuela, The Netherlands Government has begun a naval demonstration off the coast of the South American republic, and since Wednesday, vessels flying the Dutch flag have steamed along the coast from Puerto Cabello to La Guayara at a distance of 3,000 yards from the shore.

The battleship Jacob van Hemskerk and the cruisers Gelderland and Friesland are engaged in the operation which it is said will continue indefinite The Jacob arrived here this morning-bringing the above news. Two cruisers proceeded to Maracaibo, it was stated, though the officers observed secrecy concerning the movements of the vessels. The Heemskerk will relieve the Gelderland at Maracaibo Monday.

With steam up in all her boilers, the Heemskerk arrived off LaGuayara Wednesday morning at 5 o'clock. As soon as the battleship was sighted all the lights in the city were extinguished. From the deck of the ship could be seen the guns ashore pointed toward the battleships, which was kept ready for action. The Hoemskerk remained but one day off LaGuayra and yesterday proceeded up the coast and passed between the shore and the small sandy islands in the Bay of

Puerto Cabello. The demonstration is regarded as inlicating that the preparations for an effective blockade of the Venezuelan coast is contemplated.

It is reported here that The Nether-

anda battleship De Ruitter left Holland vesterday for this port. Washington Not Advised. to be making faces at Venezuela." was the comment today when the news came from Willemstad that The Neth-

erlands government warships had been making a demonstration off the Venezuelan coast. Nobody in Washington has been ad-vised of this latest move as neither the State Department nor Mr. Louden. The Netherlands Minister, has received anything on the subject. The State Department is without any diplomatic representation in Venezuela and such brief advices as have come from there since the legation has been closed, have been from a clerk who was left

n charge of the archives. There has been talk for some time of a blockade by The Netherlands government of the ports of Venezuela so as to force President Castro to revoke his decree which provided the trans-shipment of merchandise from Curacao to Venezuela, but Holland has hesitated about proceeding in this direction because of the conflict which would inevitably come with the interested powers in Venezuela. The latest move reported from Willemstad may, however it is said, be the preliminary step to a more emphatic movement in the near future and may have been inspired by the fact that President Cas-tro is now away from Venezuela and the reins of government are in the

hands of Vice-President Gomez-We May Support Holland. London, Dec., 5—The Daily Tele-graph's correspondent at The Hague ays that a dispatch has been received there that a newspaper in Curacao learns that ten American warships are expected at Curacao at the beginning of January and says that it is certain that the United States will be a that the United States will be a staunch supporter of Holland against Venezuela

No News in Washington. Washington, Dec., 4-The report that four American warships are expected at Curacao at the beginning of January and that the United States will actively support Holland against Venezuela, cannot be confirmed here and in view of this governments well known attitude toward Venezuela, is

The state department believes the trouble in Venezuela will gradually work itself out and that in due course of time conditions there will be

BRICE IS INSANE.

Sheriff's Jury So Finds After Investi-New York, Dec., 4—Stewart M. Brice, a former councilman and son of the late United States Senator Calvin S. Brice of Ohlo was today, after a hear-

ing before a commission and a sheriff's jury declared insane and incapable of managing his own affairs. Brice was present at the hearing but was not placed on the witness stand. Some questions were put to stand. him, but he seemed not to understand them. His property was found by the ury to be worth \$75,000.

Brice for years a well known figure on Broadway, was born in 1870, was graduated from Harvard in 1893 and served through the Spanish war, receiving the rank of captain.

Slayers of Dr. Smith. Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 4—The police justice will tomorrow begin the trial of the parties arrested for the murder of Dr. E. W. Smith, the Richmond salesman, whose dead body was frand in a rock quarry here Sunday morning November 15.